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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Hanna MÄKELÄ et al. : Confirmation No.: 1918

Application No.: 10/550,310 : Group Art Unit: 2857

Filed: September 22, 2005 : Examiner: Nguyen, Chuong P.

FOR: ARRANGEMENT FOR COLLISION
PREVENTION OF MINE VEHICLE : :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 20, 2007, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, Claims 6-10, pertaining to an apparatus, with traverse.

In the Office Action, the Examiner alleges that Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept. However, for the reasons provided below, Applicants respectfully disagree.

A group of inventions is considered linked to form a single general inventive concept where there is a technical relationship among the inventions that involves at least one common or corresponding special technical feature. The expression special technical features is defined as meaning those technical features that define the contribution which each claimed invention, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art. For example, a corresponding technical feature is exemplified by a key defined by certain claimed structural characteristics which correspond to the claimed features of a lock to be used with the claimed key. See MPEP 1893.03(d) Unity of Invention.